## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 14-60 for indefiniteness as omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. Examination on the merits has been closed.

While Applicants believe that the claims recited sufficient structural relationships, in the spirit of expediting the prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims taking into account the Examiner's proposed amendments.

The claim amendments are not believed to alter the scope of the claims, and do not add new matter.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

/David N. Slone, Reg. No. 28,572/

David N. Slone Reg. No. 28,572

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834 Tel: 650-326-2400

Fax: 415-576-0300 Attachments DNS:mcg

61206896 v1